norm they feel over the possibilities which the situation now presents. Sound had visited the Senator at the capitol this morning. In a last attempt to avert Government control the rail-road executives of many important roads had met in New York yesterday and had drawn up a statement of their views. believing that this was the only way in which they could get them before the President, as the latter has at no time evinced a desire to confer with the

railroad managers directly.

The statement was in the form of a letter to Senator Newlands signed by Fairfax Harrison, as chairman of the Railroad War Board. In this letter the railroads insisted they could produce all the transportation under the present management the railroad plant could produce under any other management, and denied emphatically that the na-tion's railroads had broken down.

Mr. Harrison's Letter.

Mr. Harrison's letter follows: broken down. On the contrary it has in recent months handled 50 per out material enlargement of plant. Some misconception seems to exist

railroads in their present situation. Their chief operating troubles are a volof the plants in certain limited territories, aggravated by excessive use of
preference orders, and their now serious
malady of 'dilution' of labor which is
general throughout the country and common to all industry; nevertheless the railroads under present management are prepared to furnish all the transportaduce under any form of management.

India 80 per cent, and the British col-

What Railroads Don't Ask.

"What the railrouds do not ask: T. They do not ask \$1,000,000,000 on the Government or anybody else the moment. They could not immedistely invest it in plant and equipment if they had it, because of the difficulty in getting materials and labor. That figure represents, in round figures, what ought to be spent in every year for several years to bring the American railroad plant up to capacity to handle ef ficiently the growing traffic. About \$400,000,000 per annum on the average been spent for a number of years for road and equipment, which at pres-ent prices, would be equivalent to about \$1.000,000,000 for road and equipment. They do not at this time ask for

repeal of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws as relating to them, for they do not consider such relief immediately necesmany to increase unified operations.

"The cooperative use of facilities will be continued in such way as to obtain naximum efficiency.

The present system of voluntary uni-ation is adequate for this. No in-rest has declined, or will decline, for Bumania eifielt or other reasons to respond to Bussia the requirement of the present coopera

What They Do Ask.

"What the railroads do ask: "3. The immediate appointment of a raffic officer to represent all important lover: ment departments in transportsmatters, with whom the railroads can deal, to secure active Government cooperation, the prompt and orderly frameportation of the Government traffic

and avoid the excessive use of preference orders, which congest traffic instead of facilitating it.

"4. Most of the railroads need more locomotives immediately and enough new. cars to replace those worn out. There are approximately 3,800 locomotives and

roximately 2,000 locomotives and 150,000 cars, in addition to those them sur now on order, are necessary for early under the construction to meet the requirements of under the next year, and at present prices repre-sent a cost of approximately \$500,000. 000. While a number of the railroads are able to purchase their quotas of suequipment without aid, it is apparent that because the United States has necessarily occupied the investment market truck drivers, automobile repair for war loans, as evidenced by the recent clerks and bookkeepers, machinists, electrically request of the Secretary of the Treasury tricians, draughtsmen, carpenters, tube that no new private financing shall be tricians, draughtsmen, carpenters, tube that no new private financing shall be and tool grinders and painters and liew Holy tity Looks to of Present Day.

'6. Immediate increases in rates as de-ed by the interstate Commerce Commission's special report to meet increas-ing operating expenses and strengthen railroad credit are necessary in Eastern territory and may become necessary in

"7. Railroad men drafted to be enuntil actually called upon for military

It was this letter which Senator New-lands took to the White House.

Newlands Is Reticent.

Senator Newlands upon his return from the White House refused to give any inkling of the President's inten-tions as to the plan for possible reor-

raliway executives as defined to him to-day differed from the views of the Interstate Commerce Commission as expressed in the statement to the Senter Real Comparison as the and House of Representatives given publicity by the commission and the Raliway War Board differ as to the nelicalization of the war. The commission that the was on the staff of Adjt.-Gen by the Carriers or by the President. If by the carriers or by the President. If by the carriers or by the President. If by the carriers they suggest the suspension of the most beautiful of the Atlanta girls loss are concerned except as to the consolidation or merger of the competing lines during the war until further order.

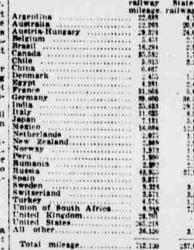
rad executives, who do not conceal the and anti-pooling laws as relating to them: that they do not ask \$1,000,000,-000 from the Government or anybody clse. In other words, they contend that the financial conditions of the roads, The President's conference with Sen-ator Newlands was held this afternoon after the members of the Railroad War except that of the great trunk lines in the eastern territory, would be good if the necessary rate increases to meet increased operating expenses were al-

CONTROL OF RAILWAYS. One-third of World's Mileage Run

by Government. One-third of the rallways of the world are owned or controlled by the Governments of the respective countries of States in which they operate, and in Europe, Asia, Africa and the British more than one-half are thus the extent to which Government owner-ship of facilities has spread over the world, and which is of particular interest now that such control is not improb able in the United States, at least for the period of the war.

business than in 1915 with-the railways are Government or State railways, according to the bank's heures: Austria-Hungary, \$2 per cent.; Russia, 77 per cent.; Italy, 73 per cent.; Switzerland, 99 per cent.; the Scandinavian States, 44 per cent., and France, 17 per cent. Of Europe as a whole 54 per cent, of the rallways are classed as State or Governmental railways 70 per cent.; Africa, 65 per cent. America, 31 per cent., and North America only 5 per cent. In Australia 99 per cent. belong to the colonies, in New Zealand 99 per cent. are governmental. the railroads in Great Britain is owned by the Government, but all are Govern-ment controlled during the war. In Canada 5 per cent. are dovernment

In the following table is set forth the number of inites of railway in each of the countries, according to the latest figures, and the number of miles which are



MANY MECHANICS ENLIST.

New Regiment to Work Behind

Pershing's Lines Grows. Fresh impetus was given yesterday to the recruiting of mechanics at the United | sides but the east. There States Ordnance Department in City Hall are approximately 3,800 locomotives and 33,000 cars still on order undelivered for American railroads. The railroads expect to provide the capital. Priority orders are essential for prompt delivery of such equipment.

Park, where a regiment is being assent-since that date, but the process must bled to work behind Gen. Pershing's have been carried out with considerable rapidity to culminate as speedily as it may be such equipment.

Men up to the age of 41 may transferred to the command of the Brit-Park, where a regiment is being assemmen presented themselves for enlistment.
Men up to the age of 41 may
be enlisted. Even those who have been
drafted can be accepted unless they have.
Fibers summoned for physical examination
under the draft. For the repairing work
the recruiting officers are able to waive
minor physical defects. It is believed the
full quota of three thousand men will
have been selected at the City Hall Park
recruiting station by next Saturday. recruiting station by next Saturday Among the men thus far selected and enlisted are accountants, automobile truck drivers, automobile repair men.

POSES AS OFFICER, **DESERTS AND WEDS**

Sergeant Warren Grey of East Orange Arrested on His Honeymoon Here.

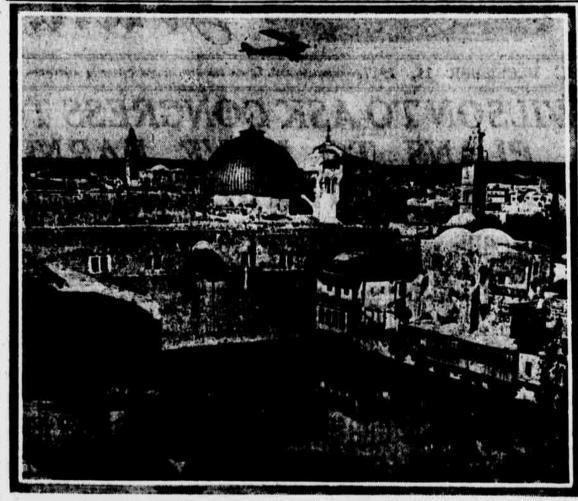
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ganization of the relations between the Government and the railways in the ware emergency. He said, however, that the President shortly would communicate his views to Congress as to what should be done with and for the rail-ways

"Very shortly," said Mr. Newlands, with emphasis which complete the shortly," said Mr. Newlands, with emphasis which complete the shortly, said Mr. Newlands, with emphasis which complete the said satisfied with (1) his rank. (2) his name, (3) his estate and (4) single blessedness. Therefore, beginning on November 21, Sergi, Grey set out to change all these things. First he de
"Very shortly," said Mr. Newlands, with emphasis which contribute the plan for possible reorren Grey of Company A, 113th Infantry. Tomb of the Virgin, a Pleid of Blood mentioned by Matthew in his gospel, the Tombs of the Kings and Judges, the solendors of the Haram esh-Sherif, the via Dolorosa—all these awesome realities could not counteract a feeling of disappointment, close to disgust, which the Occidental carried away with him because of a narrowness, also Occidental walls are the Jaffa. Damascus and Abdul-Hamid gates. se emergency. He said, nowers, are presented that some and the second sec

in the first and are concerned except as to the connection of the

Jerusalem, Wrested From the Turks, Dominated by British Forces.



holy pools. The mosque of Omar on the dome of the wall.

Jerusalem, the ancient, first taken by the British rock on Mount Moriah, where the old Temple Altar in their Palestine drive, is here shown, with a modern stood, and where the sacrifices were made to God in touch as indicated by the circling airplane.

Biblical days can be seen in the centre of the picture.

In the foreground of the photograph is one of the The view shown is near the southern end of the old

BRITISH ARMIES ENTER JERUSALEM

Hebron, where the Turks were reported to the fine of the fring of the first of the port of Jerusalem. This was in mid-most to nothing. It has a seaport. November. Jaffa, which lies thirty-five miles to the

pushed southwest from Jaffa until they were within five miles of Jerusalem, on the northwest. They began drawing when one learns that Jaffa anciently their lines closer about the city in this was a Phonician colony in the land of direction, while steady pressure was being kept up by the interior column from the south, and on December 7 Gen. Almore than \$3,000,000 worth of goods, announced that he had definite consisting mostly of oranges and other possession of Hebron. The city of Jeru-foodstuffs, its imports being chiefly cot-

ish forces in Egypt, which have con-ducted the Palestine campaign, in June of this year. He was in command of the Third British Army in the western front during 1916, and at the head of this army Gen. Allenby commanded the British right wing in the battle of Arras, beginning on Easter Monday of this

TURKS RULED 400 YEARS.

was very old.

In these days the city has been to the

perstitions. The "Holy City," a strong-hold of the greatest three religions in the world and the well from which once came in purest form all that we know of our very real God, in late years has been a source of sore trial to the Occidental traveller, who entered its wails through the Joffa gate with hat in hand, but came away in a mood quite different.

Even a city and environs that contain Caivary, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Tomb of the Virgin a Fleid of Blood.

thing inside its walls and immediately without has to do with religion. Perhaps it is to be expected, therefore, that the bigotry and the rivairies of the various religious zeulots of all nationalities once oncy of Rome, within and just without the ancient city.

By November 22 the British had northwest, a railroad fifty-four miles ushed southwest from Jaffa until they long connecting Jaffa with Jerusalem. For within five miles of Jerusalem, on The antiquity of the city is borne home. when one learns that Jaffa anciently was a Phienician colony in the land of foodstuffs, its imports being chiefly cot- But in the suburbs

ley of Hinnom. The southern half of corners, From the centre of the the modern Jerusalem is roughly the pave rises the magnificent most site of the main part of ancient Jerus Kubbet es-Sakhra (the "dome of salem, or upper city, the upper city being separated on the east by a long
depression (the valley of Tyropæon),
which is now largely obliterated by the
piled up debris of the centuries, from the
city of David, or Zion, and Mount
Moriah. The site of David's city, in Visitors fact, is not inside the present city walls

tury, the rest of the walls, except on consulates are cluttered. the southern side, being largely an up-building of foundations that are very nucleut. The city walls, which are or-namented with many towers and include eight gates—one of the gates has been walled up for centuries—rise to a height of almost forty feet and bound a circuit

within and just without the ancient city walls make of Jerusalem a house divided against itself.

And the traveller comes away with a century the Emperor Hadrian founded the new city on a site which he called the new city of the new ci Continued from First Page.

regretful feeling that Jerusalem is the seat of constant and bitter war, wherein the modern disciples of the Prince of the modern disciples of the Prince of the Roman catabilities the following description of the situation of the Crustian below the following description of the situation of the Crustian below to the control of the Crustian below to the following description of the situation of the Crustian below to the control of the Crustian below to the control of the control of the Crustian below to the control of the control Jerusalem was the capital of the Cru-tian kingdom established by the Cru-tian kingdom established by the Cru-saders. Since 1516 the Ottoman Turks

Population of 70,000

Jerusalem has a population of about 70,000, of whom two-thirds are Jews. The reat of the population is made up of Christians and Mohammedans in the respective proportion of about two to

modern civilized world because of the awfulness of the part it played in the founding of civilized ethics and religion has no need of elaboration. In popula-tion and commercial importance the city is outranked by, say, Wilkesbarre, Pr possession of Hebron. The city of Jerusalem chiefs is and foods. Sides but the east.

Few details have come through as to tongue. "El-Kuds." which literally the progress of the entircling movement since that date, but the process must have been carried out with considerable rapidity to culminate as specific as it.

book in the world. It is situated 2.500 feet above sea level on a rocky plateau in a mountainous region between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea. There is a deep cut valley of Kedron, or Jebosh-aphat, to the east of the city, beyond which is the Mount of Olives, and on the west and south is the tortuous vailey of Hinnom. The southern half of the medical Leussiem is rhughly the

undertaken without conferences with him, the railroads generally cannot next year provide through their usual change and painters and painters and painters and him, the railroads generally cannot next year provide through their usual change are rated as ordnance served to the capital requirements, for the necessary not only for collars, machine guns,"

To the very modern folk who make grants, corporals and first of the capital requirements, for the solution of equirements, for the solution of equirements of the city walls are four quarters. The lines of equirements of the city walls are four quarters, with the city wall Near the temple area is the Via Dolewhich makes only for a brief breath of detached apartments. The roofs are life in the known history of a city where flat for the most part, with uncounted to the city to the city was very old.

Which makes only for a brief breath of detached apartments. The roofs are which is just outside the city to the city was on the slope of the Mount of Olives; and the Jews have more than single house often boasting of several seventy-five synagogues within and around the city to t

In these days the city has been to the reverent visitor a strange conglomeration of merest formalism combined with conspicuous evidences of the wildest superstitions. The "Holy City," a stronghold of the greatest three religions in the world and the well from which once came in purest form all that we know of oriental character of the ancient city. The modern walls of the city were built by the Sultan Solyman the Magnificent in the first half of the sixteenth centre. The suburbs, where also the European control of the walls except on

still remains consists chiefly of parts of old walls, elsterns, pools, water con-duits and burial places, the tombs of antiquity being situated to the north of the hands of the troops of a Christian Jerusalem is the seat of a Roman

Chicago Religionists Rejoice at Prospects for Homeland. Special Despatch to Tan Sux.

of Jerusalem by the British. Max Shulman, president of the Federated Zionist
Societies of the Middle West, said that

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it has been much discussed by the Jews of Jerusalem by the British. Max Shul. gion in large number is a subject in all probability a Jewish republic themselves in many parts of the world, would be formed in Palestine as soon. It may mean the nucleus for a new naas details now being worked out can be, tion under British rule or protection

ENEMY EXHAUSTED ON ITALIAN FRONT

His Advance Checked and New Positions Less Favorable Than the Old.

LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

In an Almost Desolate Mountain Region With Winter Rapidly Closing In.

Panis, Dec. 10-Not only has the reent Austro-German offensive in Italy failed but the enemy has sacrificed hundreds of thousands of picked troops, and the invaders are in worse situation than they were some days ago, according to advices from Rome. The movement not only appears to have been checked for the present, but it is doubtful whether the bringing up of additional reenforcements, following the customary German strategy, would profit the foe.

The invaders appear to be more or ers exhausted all along the line. Their transport difficulties are becoming inreasingly complex and they are in an almost desolate region with a rigorous winter fast closing about them. On the interior lines, such as have been the mainstay of the Central Powers to date, while British and French troops in force. who have taken over certain sections of the front, also appear to be well provisioned and to have abundant supplies of guns and ammunition.

Activity on Lower Playe.

days has subsided into a period of day from the interallied conference here. born peoples, they have never inquired comparative calm. The superhuman re- The Minister of War and the Admiral sistance of the Italian soldiers prevented of the Fleet sought protection on British the Austro-Germans from attaining the warships, strategical advantages of their object. A Havas despatch from Lisbon says strategical advantages of their objective, although they succeeded in obtaining gains of purely tactical chartscare. The failure of the enemy attacks is indicated by the inactivity on the entire front. For three consecutive days the invaders have desisted from sider himself under arrest.

A Havas despatch from Lisbon says prevails. The overwhelming majority of the Hungarian nation joyfully assents to this alliance of free comrades to this alliance of free comrades to the language. The Az Ujang of Budapest considers the invaders have desisted from sider himself under arrest.

It is a relief to the Hungarian situation that he could consider himself under arrest.

gaged.

This result is so much more important because of the German system of employing large hodies of troops and of repeating the effort with always increasing violence in order to reach the goal. One also must consider the fact that in mountain warfare a victory will not produce the desired effect unless it is exploited immediately with unre-

Many Thousands Sacrificed.

cessive assaults, preceded by unprecedented artillery preparations, and to-day the position of the Austro-Germans while not improved by the progress made is, in fact, more unfavorable to them than at the beginning of the offensive, because of the difficulties of Federal Food Board Plans Session

The visit of Count Czernin to Federal Food Board Plans Session fensive, because of the difficulties of revictualing the troops, it being necessary for the invaders to transport all the water to their positions. The heavy snowfalls of the season also will ac-

FALL OF HOLY CITY SIGNIFICANT EVENT

Bishop Greer Notes Victory Comes Close Before Christmas Time.

The Right Rev. David H. Greer, Prot-

nation and taking it from the control of Consulates, where speeches were made, the Moslems, is a most significant and The attitude assumed in certain so-Catholic, a Greek and an Armenian the Moslems, is a most significant and patriarch, and also is the seat of an notable event. Just what the result of Anglican bishopric. FOR JEWISH REPUBLIC. it will be it is now difficult to determine its radical doctrines, shows hostility but it is most interesting, this fresh to the British decree. Great Britain beshift of historic territory in the world in accused of insincerity and a desire war. Coming on the eve of Christmas, to weaken the democratic efforts for it will take us back to the sacred mem-ories and traditions of the Holy Land spired by German and Bolshevik in-fluence.

Special Despatch to Tan Sux.

Chicago. Dec. 10.—Jews here rejoiced to-day at the rews of the capture turn to this city and its immediate ream certainly glad to know that Jor "The capture of Jerusalem and Pales-ine will mean that the recent declara-ne will mean that the recent declara-

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'YASSAL OF KAISER PORTUGAL'S POLICY INSULT TO AUSTRIA REASSURES ALLIES

Pro-German Influence

in Uprising.

Pants, Dec. 10.-Official despatches from Liebon to-day to the effect that the declaration of war by the United the new Government of Portugal will continue the country's previous inter-Such Austro-German efforts as are national policy were received with great continuing have shifted from the Asiago satisfaction, particularly in view of the region to the lower Plave. Berlin reports fact that it had been feared pro-Gersmall success at this point, announce man influences dominated the recent upng the storming of the bridgehead at rising. A proclamation announcing the Sile, east of Caposile, and the capture of 200 prisoners. A Rome official report announces the recapture of observation trenches east of Caposile.

Sant-official Italian despatches give continued loyalty of continued lo Sile, east of Caposlie, and the capture of continued loyalty of Portugal was issued 200 prisoners. A Rome official report by Major Paes, the artillery officer who

olution was brought about by the Republicans and the general opposition of the proletariat to the Costa ministerial regime, which was held to favor the Monarchists. Seventy persons were killed and between 300 and 400 were the wounded in the uprising. Most of the fact houses in the city were damaged by the will bombardment. Projectiles struck a hotel occupied by the Spanish Minister. and the British mission. A servant of the former was injured by a shell frag-ment. The battleship Vasco da Gama was damaged badly and stranded.

"Gen. Conrad has sacrificed hundreds of thousands of his best soldiers in successive assaults, preceded by unpreceded by unprece offices. Order now is restored

With Dealers.

The response of the public to the insnowfalls of the season also will agravate the hardrhip of the enemy and threaten the lines of communication.

"It may be stated, therefore, that the "life may be stated, therefore, the "life may be stated, the "life "It may be stated, therefore, that the Central Powers have falled to obtain their concrete general objective, namely, to break through our lines and lead the victorious armies into the plains of the victorious armies armi Roard is planning a little session with the men of the trade to see if something cannot be done to curb the rising prices compared with prices were as follows: *

Striped bass (beiling) 30 - 21 11 - 11 10 - 11 5 - 7 20 - 25 7 - 814 10 - 12 Whiting

JEWISH JOY IN ODESSA.

100,000 Hear Speeches at American and British Consulates. Esecial Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the

London Times. Copyright, 1917, all rights reserved. estant Episcopal Bishop of New York, hearing of the fall of Jerusalem yester-celpt of news of the British declaration in favor of Palestine being the na-tional home of the Jews. There was a tional home of the Jews. There was a procession in which 100,000 persons marched to the British and American in the Jewish bund, which is noted

> Aviators Aid French Loan Panis, Dec. 10 .- Almost a score of

bearing an invitation to subscribe to the third war loan,

other hand, the Italians are fighting from Despatches Dispel Fear of Press of Dual Empire Resents Assertions in Wilson's

Message.

States against Austria-Hungary the Budapest Pester Lloyd, according to a Cologne Gazette despatch from the Hungarian capital, declares it is a falsahood and an insult to assert that Austria-Hungary is a vassal of Germany

"The unbearable presumption wi marks President Wilson's messages reaches a climax in this strangest and most irresponsible of war declarate son has an ear for words of pride honor he may learn from the specific Cambra.
Dr. Alfonso Costa, Minister of Foreign Affairs under the old regime, was allied Central Powers is quite other
arrested in Oporto upon his return to-

It is believed here that the rev- is only desired to crush Germany and enemy, one destiny and are at a morale," the newspaper declares. Replying to questions at a service the delegation, Count Czernin, the tro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, pressed keepticism as to the ability the United States to send militons

tropos to Europe, according to a Bus pest despatch.

If the armament competition continu after the war, Count Czernin decl the cost would increase so anmaing? tion impossible, as Europe would turned into one enormous workshop armaments. Therefore the nations of be obliged to find some solution of problem, said the Foreign Minister.

The visit of Count Czernin to Dehas been cancelled owing to

illness, according to a despat in here from Vienna NO GERMAN SHIPS FOR CHILL

Berlin Terms for the of tessels Now Idle Called Prohibitive Santiago, Dec. 10.—In reads Chilean Government's applicant

steamships laid up in parts wholesale prices of fish yesterday, as three vessels of about 10,000 pupared with prices on November 26, for \$375,000 monthly, provided peter, coal or metalis be carried.
The newspapers say these to prohibitive. The Diario Illustration Germany is continuing her put stricting maritime tonnage even

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